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1. I HAVE TRIED TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT PAST ACCEPTANCES BY UK AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS TO OECD. THE FRENCH CHARGE WHOSE EXPERIENCE HERE IS EVEN LONGER THAN MY OWN IS UNFORTUNATELY AWAY ON THE CUSTOMARY AUGUST VACATION. THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR, ARTHUR MADDOCKS, TOLD ME THAT HE WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE ON THE SAME TRIP WITH AMBASSADOR SALZMAN AND THAT HE SOUGHT AND OBTAINED ROUTINE APPROVAL FROM LONDON. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION ABOUT HIS PREDECESSORS, AMBASSADOR MADDOCKS REPORTED THAT THE UK MISSION FILES CONTAIN NO RECORD, THAT HE HAS ASKED LONDON TO HAVE A LOOK IN THEIR FILES BUT THAT HE PERSONALLY DOUBTED WHETHER SUCH INFORMATION WOULD SHOW.

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2. I WOULD BE SURPRISED IF THE BRITISH AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS HAD NOT BEEN INVITED IN THE PAST. I WOULD BE MORE SURPRISED IF SUCH AN INVITATION HAD BEEN TURNED DOWN BY THE BRITISH WITHOUT HAVING CHECKED WITH THE U.S. I HAVE A STRONG IMPRESSION THAT THESE TRIPS ARE A VERY OLD TRADITION AND THAT ALMOST ALL OF OUR AMBASSADORS TO OECD HAVE TAKEN THEM.

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